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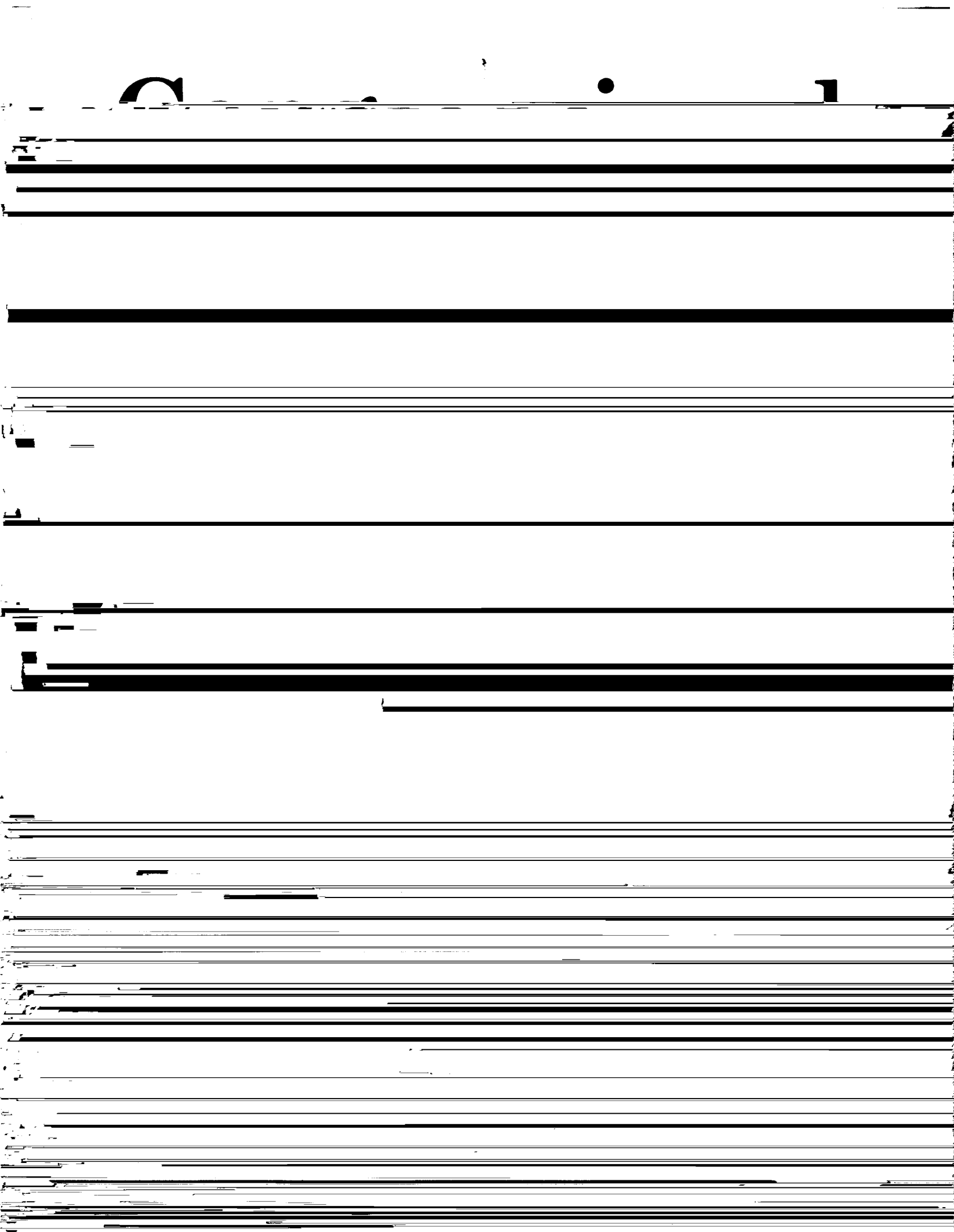
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To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed are comments I recently received from constituents of mine concerning the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rulings (PR Docket No. 92-235) with regard to private land mobile radio services.

I respectfully request that the FCC give every appropriate consideration to the views of these constituents before adopting final policies regarding this issue.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Owen Pickett
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

4200 Wakefield Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
February 8, 1993

Dear Mr. Pickett:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Now, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies would move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to our radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of

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February 7 1993

The Honorable Owen Pickett
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Pickett;

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that has the potential to destroy my radio-control sport and that of thousands of individuals like me. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without any interference.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88

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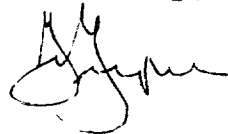
Dear Sir,

NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 proposes the insertion of FCC Land Mobile Service frequencies between existing frequencies used for the radio control of model airplanes. If implemented, this will have a profound effect on model frequency use.

I am retired, and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models. I own four pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted, and the funds I have spent in the pursuit of this hobby will have been lost. This occurs because the proposed new frequencies are so close that interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable, and cause unsafe conditions by loss of control while models are in the air.

I sincerely desire that commercial interests are unsuccessful in exploiting the limited resources available to the hobby modeling community. I request your support in defeating this proposal.

Sincerely,





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January 30 1993

The Honorable Owen Pickett
1429 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Pickett,

I am a retired Marine Officer and Naval Aviator and derive much pleasure from radio control model aircraft. Models indeed provided the initial impetus for my career.

I am very concerned about proposals of the Federal Communications Commission under consideration in its proceeding PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules would greatly reduce the useability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band and shared with private land mobile dispatch operations. These operations are currently spaced so that they are useable without either use interfering with the other.

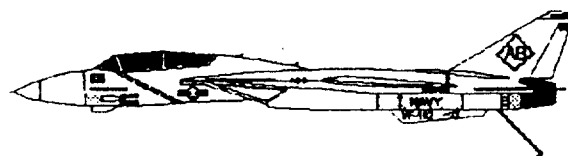
The FCC now proposes to interleave more frequencies which would have the effect of rendering many RC channels essential unsafe. In Radio Control a noise that would merely be annoying to audio users could result in loss of contact and a downed bird!

Almost all users have just recently had to purchase new equipment to comply with "1991" band/frequency restructuring and another change at such a close interval would be extremely costly and disheartening.

Please help me and many, many others continue in our hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out this change proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Peck Jr.



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ROBERT W. WETTERHOLT

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The Honorable Owen D Pickett
U S House of Representatives
Washington D C 20515

George K Marshall
509 Terrace Ave
Virginia Beach Va 23451
Jan 29 1993

Ref: FCC proposed frequency band change PR Docket 92-235.

Dear Representative Pickett:

The experts, and they are truly expert,--of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) tell me that our radio controlled model airplane activities will be seriously hampered, nationally, if the referenced FCC proposal is enacted.

I know that you, once made aware of the situation, will do everything you can to prevent such a degeneration. The building and flying of radio-controlled model airplanes is most definitely high level culture and technocracy.

I am a member of AMA and participated in R C flying when I was younger, about 20 years, and responded more quickly to the exigencies of flying. I am now limited to electrically

FEB 04 1993
January 29, 1993

The Honorable Owen S. Pickett
2430 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Congressman Pickett:

I have been a member of organized AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) clubs since the spring of 1976 when I first started flying radio controlled model aircraft in Tennessee. Presently, I am a member of Tidewater Radio Control in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The hobby of building and flying radio controlled aircraft is not inexpensive first of all, however, over the years after learning how to fly, components and equipment can be collected and reused to certain extent. During the 1980's, the frequencies of our radio systems were affected by FCC laws that were enacted and basically outlawed the only radio system I owned. The radio system consists of a transmitter, receiver, battery pack, and servos. I was unable to use my equipment and also unable to buy another system for an extended period of time because of its price tag. There are quite a few retired gentlemen in our club that fly on fixed incomes. My son is interested in learning how to fly RC aircraft like many other kids. This makes providing radio systems for family members a real expensive adventure.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

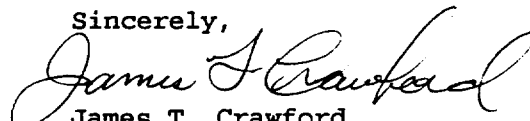
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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James T. Crawford".

James T. Crawford
AMA 411419

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Feb 2 1993

Michael N. Nardis
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Congressman Owen Pickett
US House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Pickett,

I have been interested in aviation for as long

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 FT and weigh as much as 30 pounds. They are expensive to build and capable of serious property damage, injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need as many radio frequencies as possible to assure a safe flying environment.

I don't think I should mention...

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Dear Congressman Pickett,
Thank you for your wonderful
service to the people & for
your "Reports to the People".
I build and AL Radio

The Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) which, if implemented, will have a frequency use. Developed by the FCC, it creates a massive frequency restructuring in 60 years.

The 419 page document addresses service (Part 88) but will also affect frequency use lives. Without becoming restructuring inserts two new frequencies presently assigned for modeling use. That means we could have a transmit power output of ours, only 2.5 kHz a of our 72 and 75 MHz frequencies.

In the 72 MHz band, thirty-one of bracketed, principally in the lower channel 42). A similar condition would band. Two examples of the frequencies the following:

Model Channel 14

New insert
New insert

Present Commercial

New insert
New insert

Model Channel 15

OR

Model Channel 62

New insert
New insert

Present Commercial

New insert
New insert

Model Channel 63

Not only are these new frequencies also designated as "mobile", they know where they are operating, including at your field or on the street and high the technical specifications for the legal frequency tolerance which is directly on ours!